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SUBJ: ACTING FONMIN DISCUSSES ARAB SUMMIT

REF: KHARTOUM 2550 (NOTAL)

1. DURING GENERAL REVIEW MIDEAST PROBLEM NOV 24, ACTING
FONMIN MUSA TOLD AMBASSADOR HE EXPECTED ARAB SUMMIT
WOULD ENDORSE MODERATE POSITION ESPOUSED BY EGYPT WHICH
DESIGNED RESOLVE MIDEAST PROBLEM PEACEABLY. FOR THIS REASON,
SESSION HAD SECHEDULED NO FORMAL SPEECHES. INSTEAD,
SOME HALF-DOZEN RESOLUTIONS ON WHICH FONMINS NOW RPT NOW
WORKING WOULD BE DEBATED AND PRESUMABLY ADOPTED. WHILE WOULD
HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE FOR LIBYA AND IRAQ ATTEND, QADHAFI HAD
LITTLE INFLUENCE AND HAD SERIOUSLY UNDER-ESTIMATED
EGYPTIAN DETERMINATION MOVE FORWARD ON PRESENT
COURSE. BAGHDAD WAS "UNDER SOVIET THUMB". EVEN SOUTH
YEMEN HAD IN END AGREED ATTEND. MUSA CONCLUDED THAT HE
VERY MUCH DOUBTED SUMMIT WOULD TAKE POSITION THAT
MIGHT COMPLICATE CURRENT EFFORTS MAINTAIN MOMENTUM TOWARDS
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MIDEAST PEACE.

2. MUSA THEN REFERRED TO SECRETARY'S RECENT PUBLIC
REMARKS RE POSSIBLE COUNTER-ACTION AGAINST ARAB OIL

WEAPON, NOTING THAT "AS REPORTED BEIRUT PRESS" IT APPEARED THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME ELEMENT THREAT. I SAID THERE NO QUESTION ANY THREATS. RATHER MY IMPRESSION WAS SECRETARY SIMPLY WISHED POINT OUT WHERE UNACCEPTABLE ARAB OIL MEASURES COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD, AN EVENTUALITY WHICH HE HAD STRESSED WE WISHED AVOID. HOWEVER, WITH ARAB OIL RESTRICTIONS NOW REACHING WESTERN FUEL PUMPS, MOUNTING PUBLIC CRITICISM ARAB ACTION COULD OBVIOUSLY BE EXPECTED. FAR FROM FACILITATING ATTAINMENT ARAB OBJECTIVES, THIS WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE ALREADY ABTRUSE ISSUE AND MAKE ACHIEVEMENT JUST PEACE THAT MUCH HARDER. MUSA AGREED THIS WAS WAY HE HAD UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY BUT CLAIMED "IRRESPONSIBLE" BEIRUT PAPERS VIEWING IT IN DIFFERENT LIGHT. I SAID WE COULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE BEIRUT PRESS WICH HISTORICALLY HAD BEEN MORE UNRELIABLE THAN FACTS WARRANTED. MUSA AGREED.

3. NOTING KING FEISAL LAYING PARTICULAR STRESS ON JERUSALEM ISSUE, MUSA SAID CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM WOULDLS EQUALLY CONCERNED WITH JEWS OVER "ACCESS TO HOLY PLACES". HE DID NOT THINK JERUSALEM COULD REMAIN AS AT PRESENT BUT EQUALLY IT COULD NOT BECOME "ARAB CITY".

4. MUSA CONCLUDED THAT ALGERIA PLAYING UNCERTAIN ROLE IN ARAB COUNSELS BUT THAT OTHERWISE STATES ATTENDING SUMMIT COULD BE EXPECTED SUPPORT MODERATE EGYPTIAN LINE. HE AGREED SOME PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE ALREADY MADE AND SAID HE RECOGNIZED MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTS WITH ISRAEL MUST AWAIT OUTCOME ISRAELI ELECTIONS.

5. COMMENT: APPEARS GOS BELIEVES SUMMIT WILL NOT RPT NOT IMPEDE IMPETUS TOWARDS PEACE WHICH SUDAN CONTINUES REGARD AS VERY MUCH IN ITS INTEREST.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PROBABLY SINCE NO "WIRELESS FILE" RECEIVED NOV 23 (DUE THANKSGIVING), TEXT SECRETARY'S LATEST PRESS CONFERENCE NOT RECEIVED HERE. WOULD APPRECIATE
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